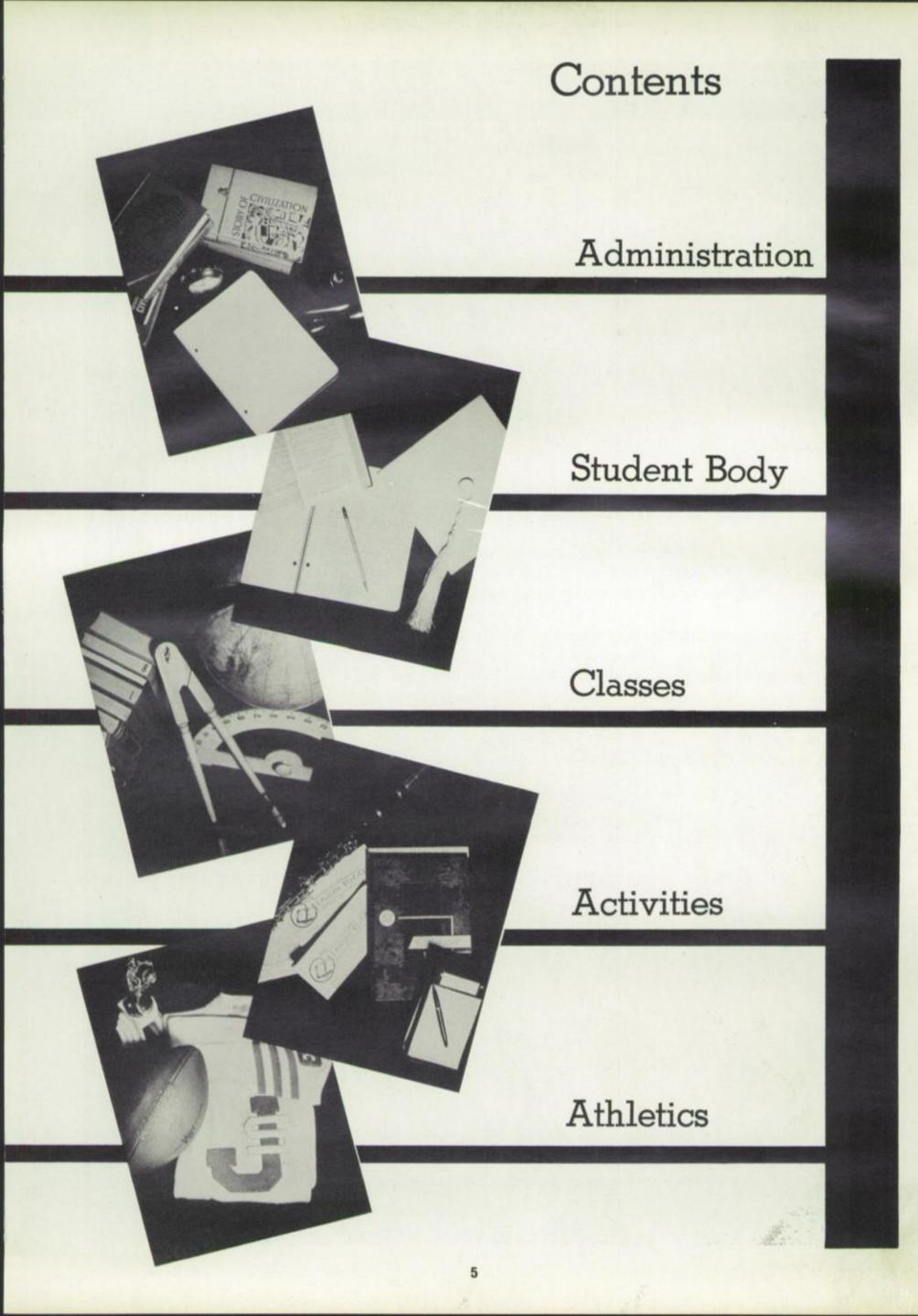


Foreword

Graduation is the climax of four years of hard work mingled with laughter, parties, sports and studies, in which we gained a better knowledge of ourselves and our ideals. Each day we laid another brick in the foundation for our future lives—lives requiring a strong character, leadership and a clear knowledge of our faith. Now we are at the threshold of a new life and must say farewell to all those who have guided us through our many problems.

For the past few months most of us have been struggling with the "all important" question of what field of endeavor should I enter or what course of study should I pursue. Now with minds made up we look forward to making our decisions realities. May all of us enjoy the fruits of success.

In the near future we will be leaving St. Joseph High School for these new fields. We pray that God will bless us with good fortune in the coming years.

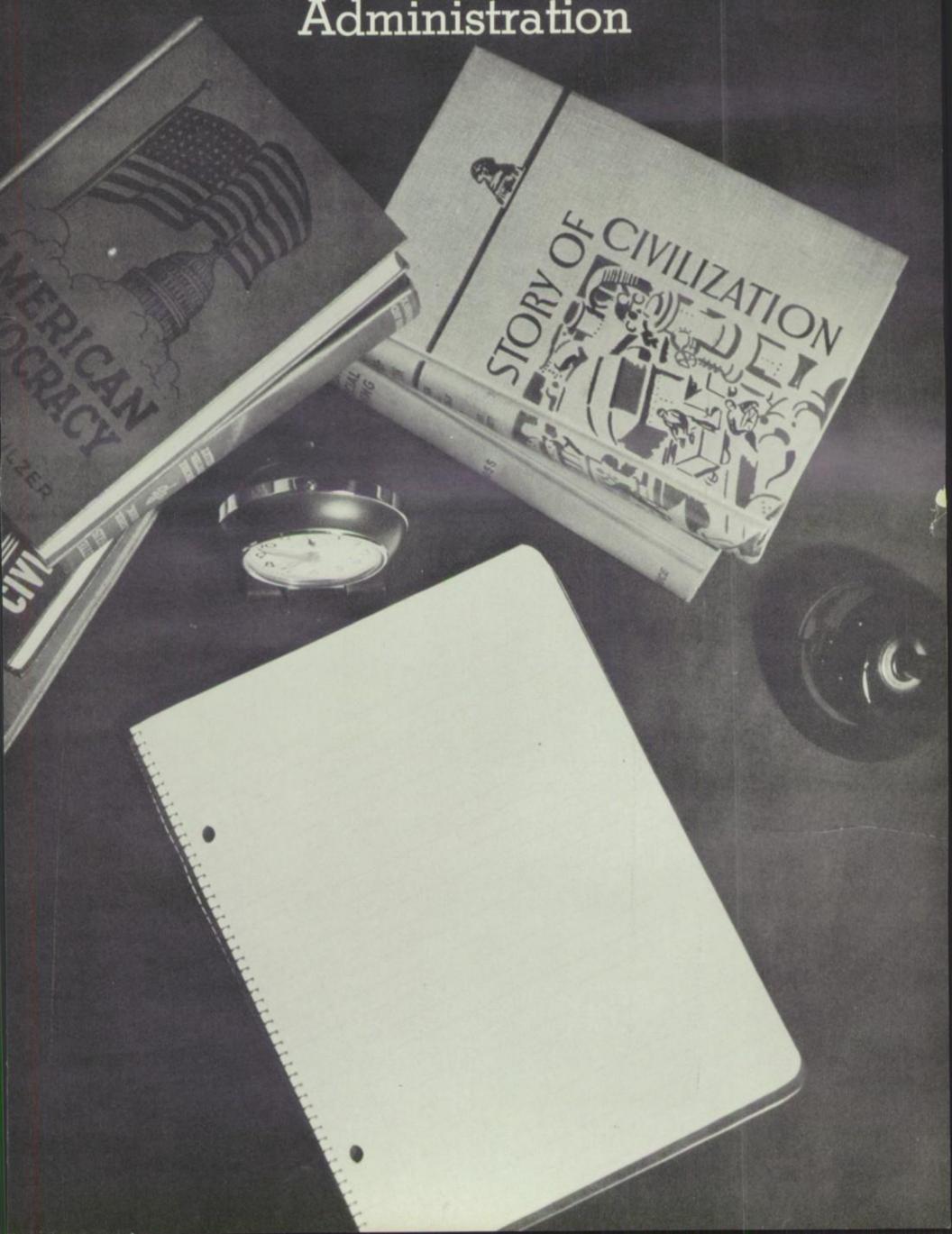


Dedication

It is with heartfelt gratitude that the Senior Class dedicates this 1953 HILLCREST, to you, our parents.

To gain the joy of seeing us graduate from a Catholic High School is the realization of your dreams. We realize you have sacrificed much in order to give us a good education. You have not only cared for our physical ills, but have guided us through the struggles and disappointments with which we were faced.

With God as our Guide and His Blessed Mother as our Mediatrix, we step forth to take our place in this world of turmoil, strengthened greatly through your efforts. We pray God will reward you for your sacrifices.



Our Spiritual Leaders

Through our four years at St. Joe High we have observed the tireless efforts of Father Ben and his able Assistants to make our school a credit to our community. Now we are starting a building program which will result in a much needed high school. It is through Father Ben's efforts that these improvements are constantly being made.

To you dear Father Ben, Father Ed, and Father Dennis we say "thanks" and may God reward you for your efforts.



REV. B.B. ROGUSZKA Pastor



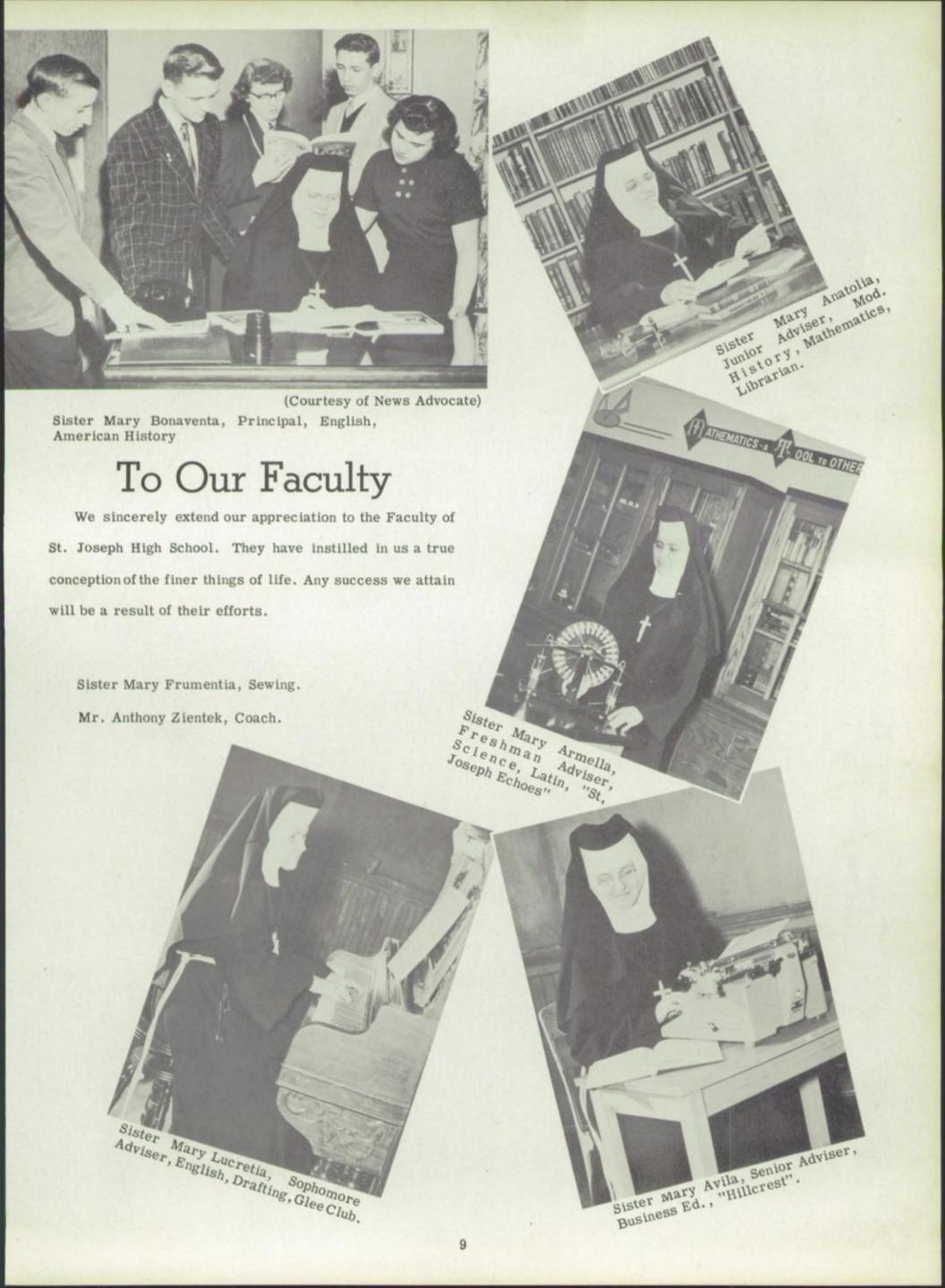
REV. E. FREDERICK Sociology, Church History



St. Joseph Church



REV. L. DIENINIS





Hillcrest Staff

For the past several months the HILLCREST Staff has been working earnestly on the 1953 yearbook. Every spare moment was spent in completing this book. We hope that you will enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed compiling

Co-Editors N. Mish and G. Pieczynski pause a moment from their work to pose for the photographer. Without the efforts and sacrifice of time on the part of both, the 1953 HILLCREST would have been impossible.

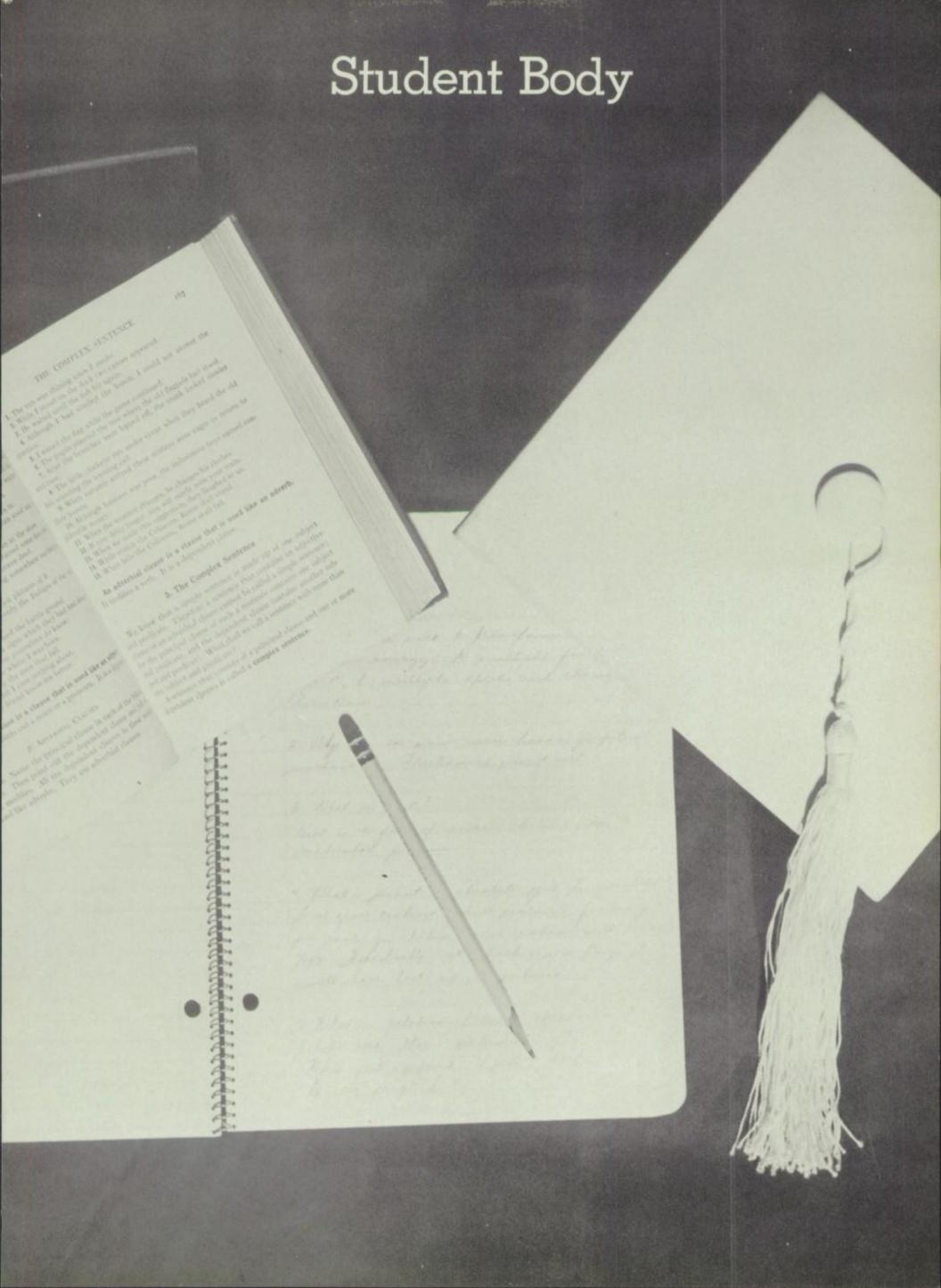


Miller, and R. Jozwiak.

Doing copy work is some task as staff members N. Kott, G. Majewski, S. Maternoski, T. Thomas and N. Mish will testify.

THE HILLCREST Staff hard at work on copy and layouts at one of the regular Sunday sessions.





Senior Officers



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DONALD MILLER Student Council President



NANCY MISH Student Council Secretary



PHILIP RACZKOWSKI Class Treasurer



RONALD JOZWIAK Class President



GLADYS MAJEWSKI Class Secretary



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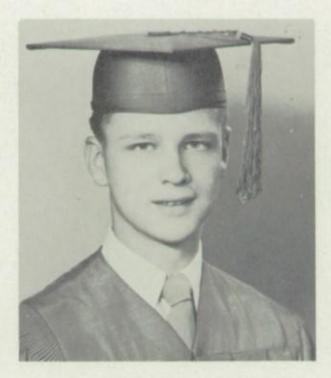
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4; Glee Club 4; Acolyte 1, 2,
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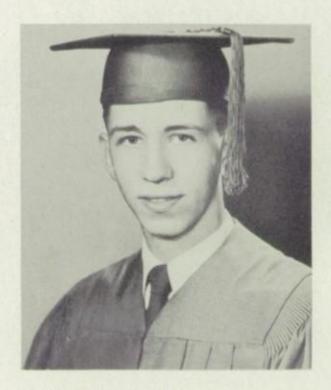
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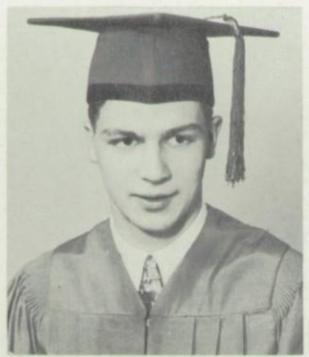
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Hillcrest Co-editor 4; Echoes
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Bowling 4.



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3, 4; Honor Student 3, 4; Student Council Pres. 4; Bowling 4;
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3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4;
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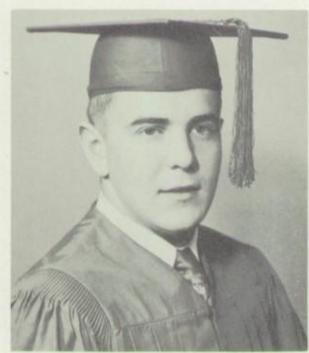
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Bowling 4.



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Council 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4;
Bowling 4.



ROBERT TLOCZYNSKI
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2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4;
Operetta 1, 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4;
Student Council 3, 4; Social
Relations Chairman 4; Class
Pres. 3; Bowling 4.



SALLY TYCZKOWSKI CSMC 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Operetta 1, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

Class of 1953



PATRICIA WEGENKA CSMC 1, 2, 3, 4; Sodality 1, 2, 3, 4; Operetta 1, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4.



WILLIAM WILKOSZ Holy Name 1, 2, 3, 4; CSMC 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Operetta 1, 3, 4.

Honor Students



Senior honor students pose before the Honor Roll - G. Majewski, G. Pieczynski, D. Miller, N. Mish, and R. Jozwiak.

Senior Directory

Adamski, Dolores	156 Washington St.	826
Bladzik, Charlotte	265 Fourth St.	1704-M
Bladzik, Harriet	R.#2, Box 157	1484-M
Gorley, Thomas	70 Hancock St.	-
Hughes, Dennis	37 W. 25th St.	474-J
Jozwiak, Ronald	279 Sixth St.	1354-W
Kott, Nancy	297 Third St.	510-W
Majewski, Gladys	508 Kosciusko St.	1802-J
Maternoski, Sally	817 Ramsdell St.	1256
Miller, Donald	222 12th St.	1197-J
Mish, Nancy	923 Kosciusko St.	1660
Najdowski, Theresa	271 Seventh St.	671-W
Oleniczak, Daniel	174 13th St.	362
Pieczynski, Gerald	716 Davis St.	1206-W
Pietrasik, Jane	173 Quincy St.	872-W
Raczkowski, Philip	329 Seventh St.	1097
Revolt, Ann Marie	151 Monroe St.	-
Thomas, Therese	72 Poplar St.	168-M
Tloczynski, Robert	914 Vine St.	1638-W
Tyczkowski, Sally	R.#2, Box 173	1773-J
Wegenka, Patricia	278 11th St.	1869-M
Wilkosz, William	R.#2, Box 271	-

Knights





Comets





M. Zientek

I. Zwiefka

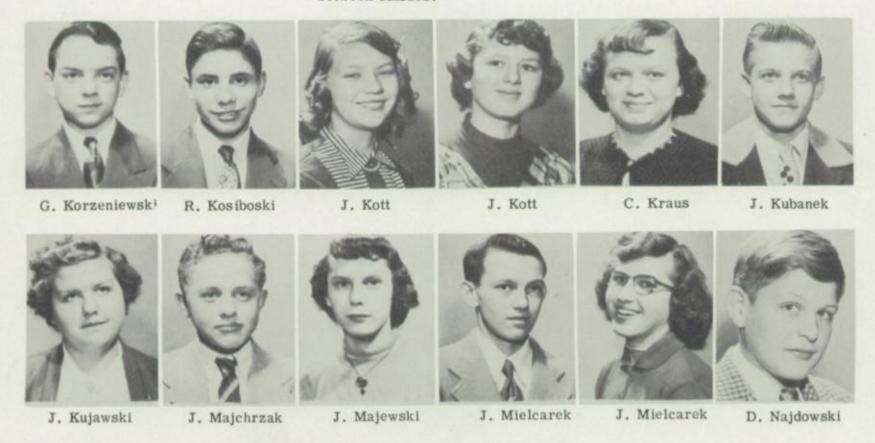


Spartans





G. Raczkowski, J. Skocelas, D. Johnson, and R. Deising refresh themselves at the water fountain between classes.



Class of '56





Freshmen D. Adamski, N. Thomas, B. Adamski, J. Mielcarek, R. Kavulic, and R. Wittlieff pause for a noon-intermission chat.







P. Witucki



S. Zuchowski





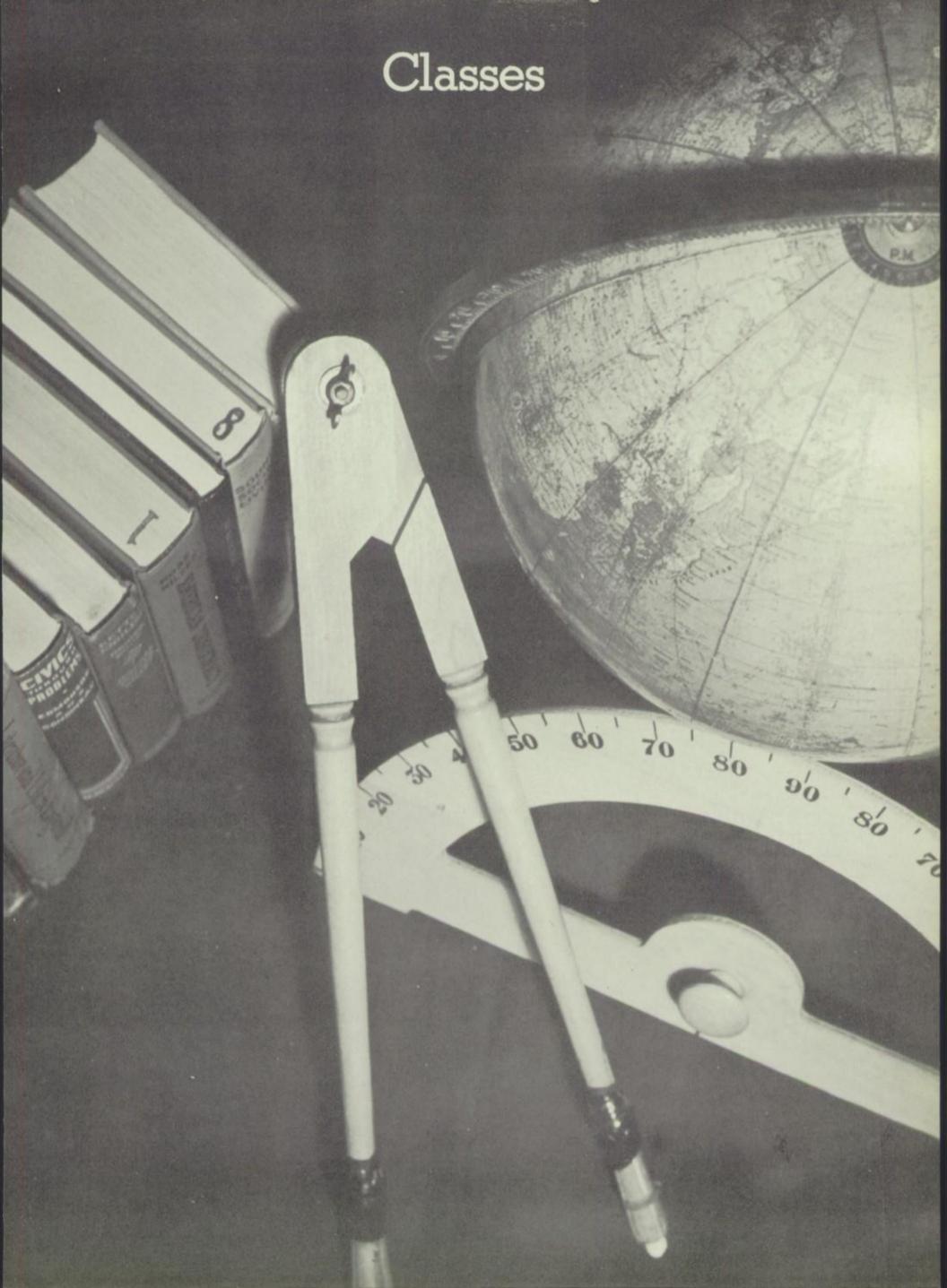
Under Class Officers

Sec. R. Gielczyk, Pres. E. Tabaczka and Treas. D. Kaminski chart the events of the Junior Class.

At the helm of the Soph. Class are Sec. P. Kuczynski, Pres. I. Popielarz, and Treas. R. Swidorski.



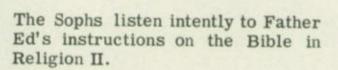
The leaders of the Freshmen Class, Sec. J. Majewski, Pres. T. Skiera, and Treas. A. Ozdych, discuss the choice of their class name.





Religion

Father Ed and the Seniors have an informal discussion in the Sociology Class.



D. Johnson leads panel discussion in Freshman Religion Class.

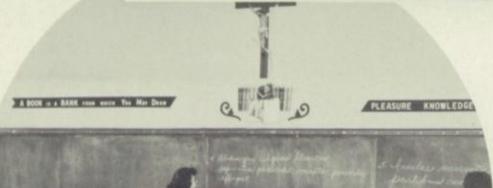


Languages

R. Gielczyk explains to the Junior English Class the development of American Lieteature.







Senior English Class prepares material for a panel discussion. Sophomore Latin students puzzled over the translation of Caesar.



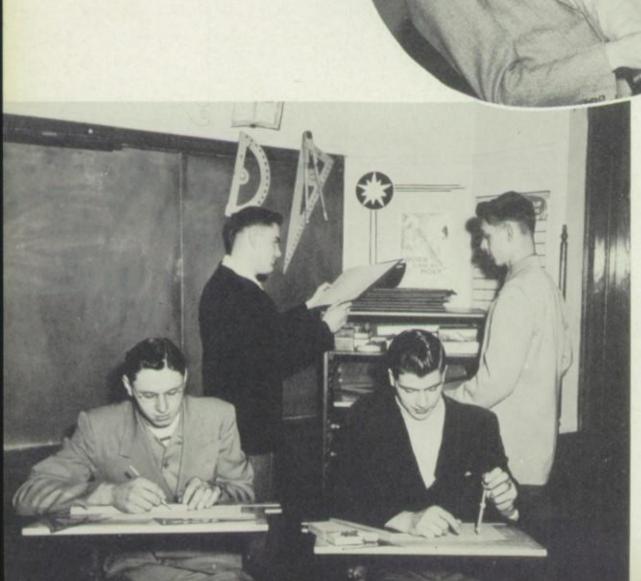
Sophomore Latin students puzzled over the translation of Caesar. R. Dahlgren an M. Zientek are trying to clarify a few things at the board.

Drafting

The Juniors boys work diligently at their drawing boards in Mechanical Drawing I.



P. Raczkowski, D. Miller, R. Jozwiak and G. Pieczynski admire a finished drawing.



B. Wilkosz, R. Tloczynski, D. Oleniczak and T. Gorley complete their drawings in Drafting II.



Business

Junior typists increase their speed by regular speed tests.





N. Mish, N. Kott, S. Materneski, G. Majewski, and P. Wegenka get office practice by relieving the principal of many routine tasks.



Speed and accuracy in transcription is the aim of these Senior Shorthand students.

P. Kuczynski, M. Zientek, R. Dahlgren and I. Popielarz, Soph. bookkeeping students, seek the aid of the "Friden" as they add the columns of the work sheet.





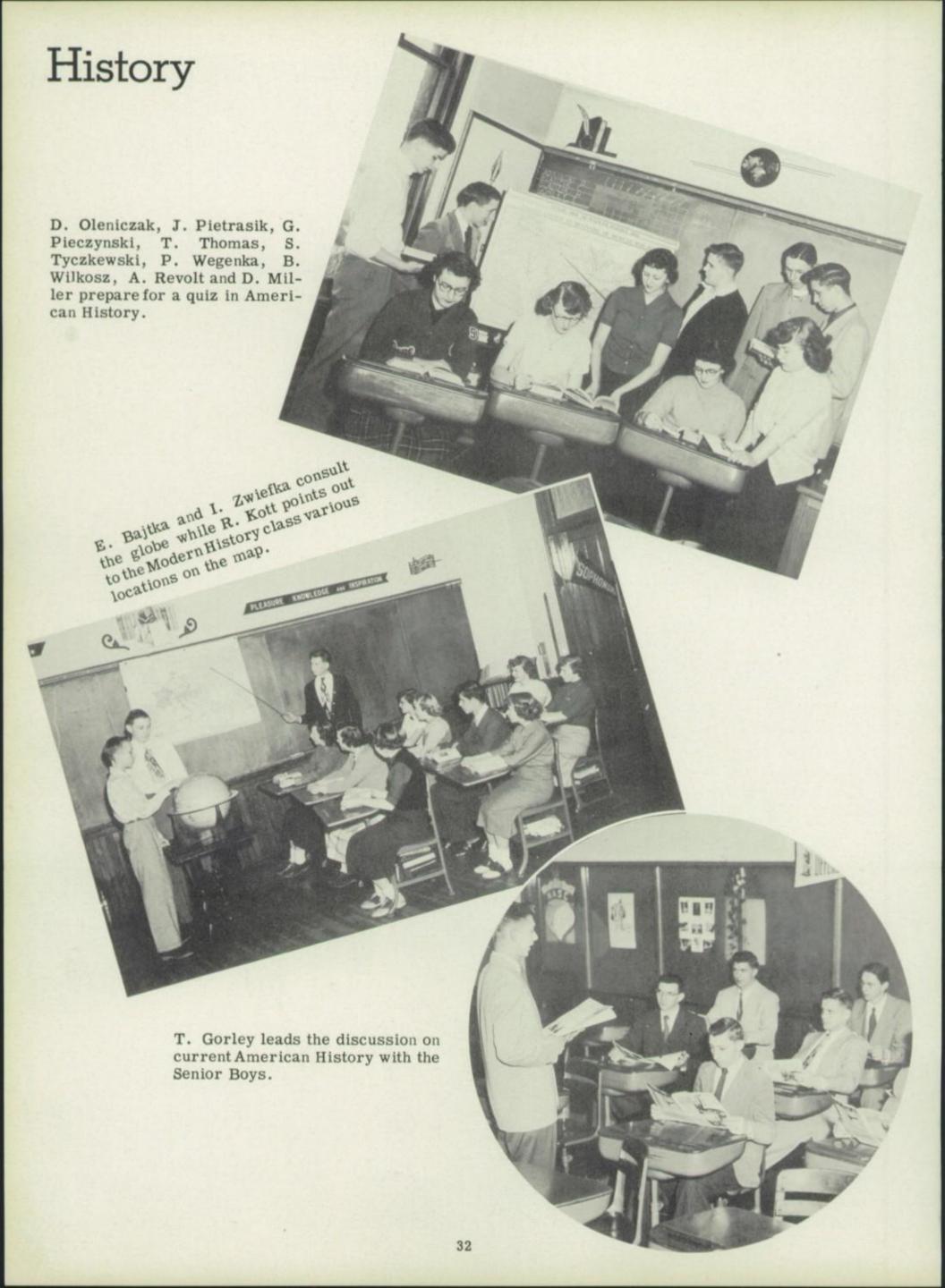
Sewing Department

R. Strzyzewski, J. Kott, P. Witucki and E. Pieczynski add the final touches to the dresses they made in the Sewing Class.



M. Raczkowski, B. Adamski, J. Mielcarek, and G. Olenizcak proudly display their accomplishments.

Adding the finishing touches to their dresses are J. Kott, J. Kujawski, G. Newman, J. Dahlgren and G. Grabowski.



Activities





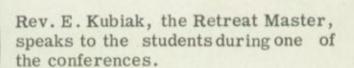


Our Annual Retreat

Under the guidance of the Retreat Master, Rev. E. Kubiak, the students took inventory of their accounts with God. They found the reasons for their past downfall and resolved to bring about an improvement.

The Retreat Master answers the questions placed in the students Question Box.

The final benediction and the Papal Blessing brought the retreat to a close.





In October of 1952 a new venture was started at St. Joe. A school band was organized for both grade and high school students.

Saxaphone and Drum sections: N. Levandoski, M. Stypa. D. Najdowski, D. Kaminski, J. Majewski, and E. Tabaczka (not in picture) C. Niedziejka.

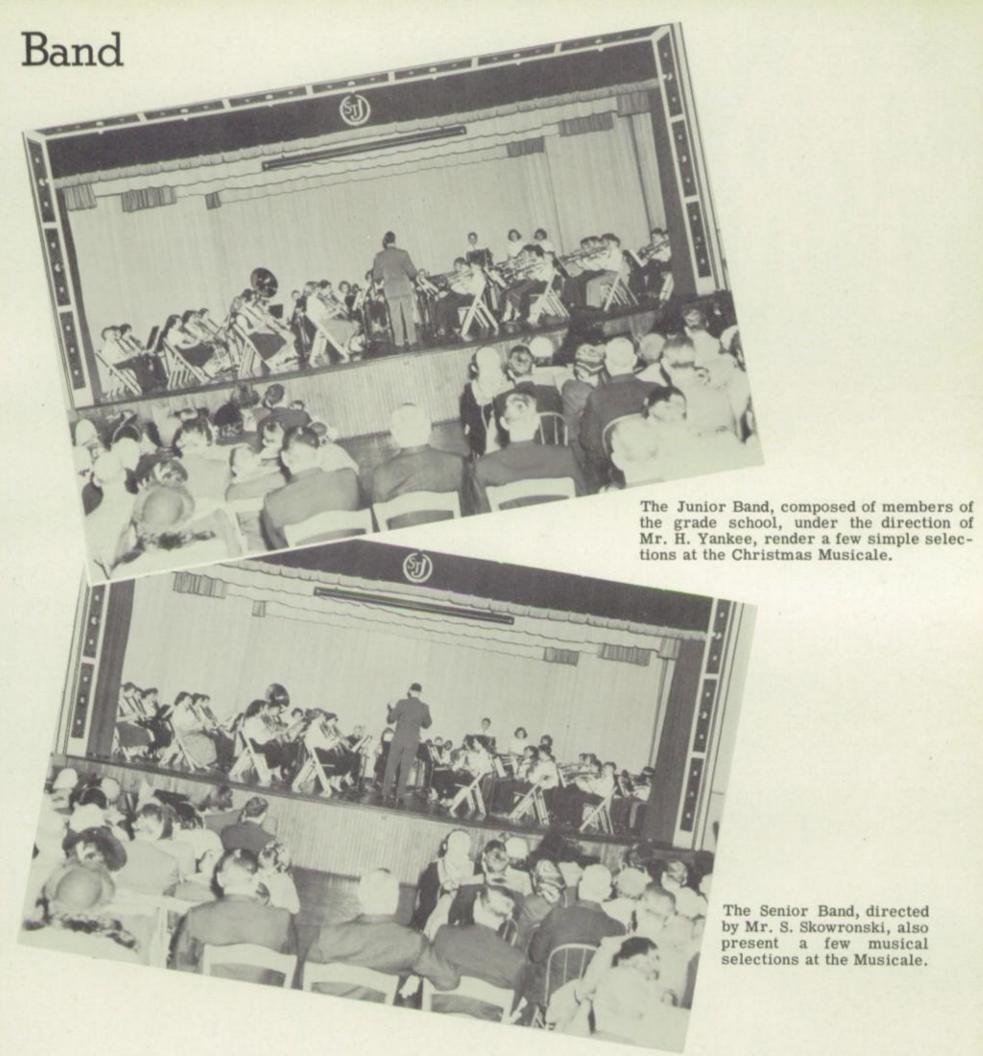
MR. ROBERTSON Instructor

The Senior Band Clarinetists include
B. Gajewski, A. Ozdych, S. Kubanek,
B. Kuczynski, P. Kuczynski, D.
Kowalski, D. Pepera, J. Pepera,
V. Zawacki, C. Wojciechowski, D.
Krause, I. Popielarz, G. Newman,
B. Kott, C. Mikula, A. Kolanowski
N. Thomas, A. Thomas.

M. Zientek with baritone and with the Deising, L. Sciba, R. Deising, L. Janowiak, and J. Kubanek.



MR. N. SHERIDAN Instructor

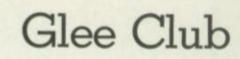




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MR. S. SKOWRONSKI Instructor

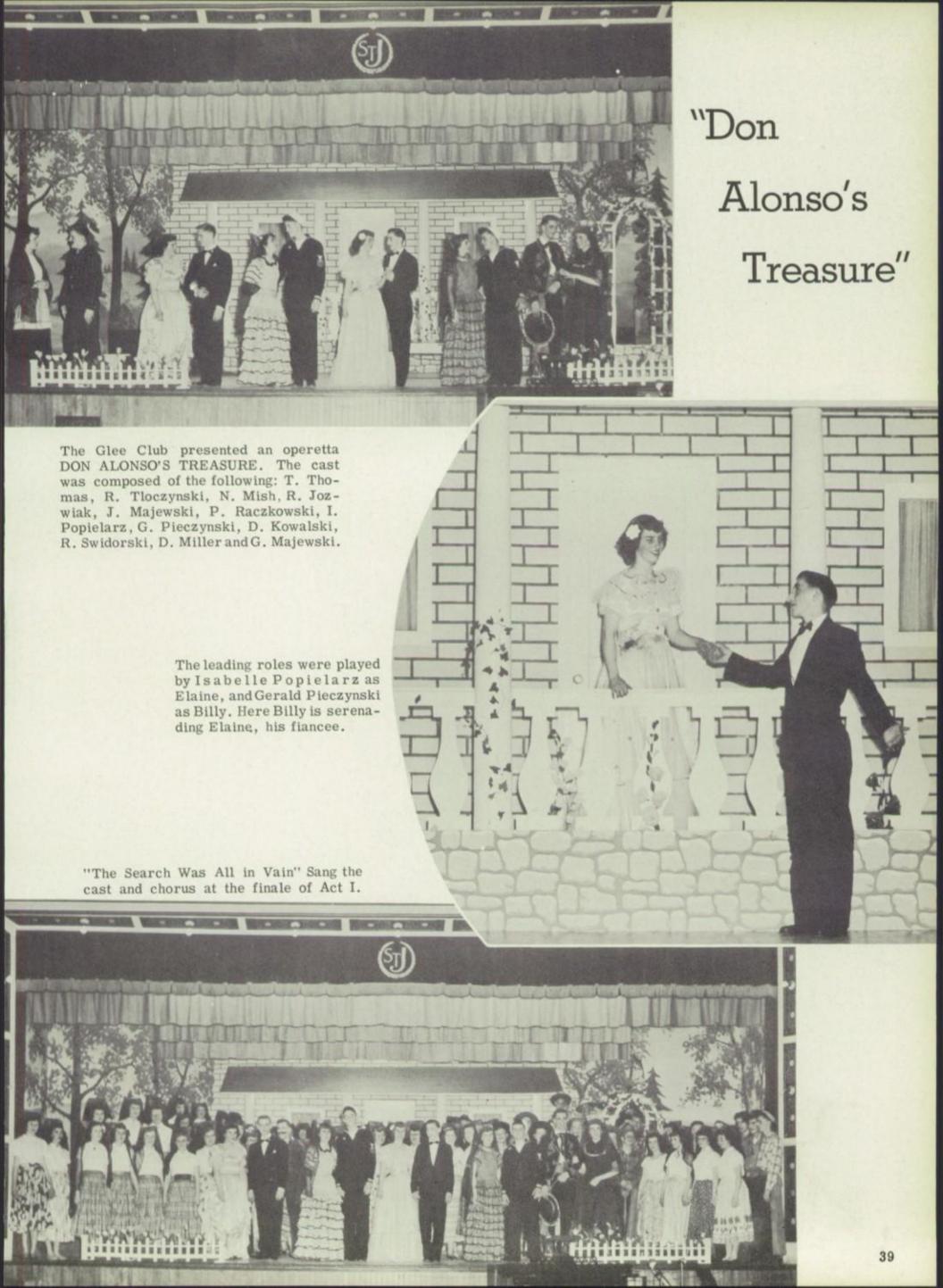


Seniors proudly wear the new choral gowns recently purchased by the Glee Club. Pictured are the four-year Glee Club members. Top Row: B. Wilkosz, D. Miller, G. Majewski, T. Thomas, Second Row: B. Tloczynski, P. Raczkowski, R. Jozwiak, C. Bladzik, S. Maternowski. Third Row: G. Pieczynski, T. Gorley, N. Kott, J. Pietrasik. Bottom Row: A. Revolt, P. Wegenka, N. Mish, S. Tyczkowski.

A group of Glee Club members bring Christmas joy when they carol at the County Convalescent Hospital.

Senior student, G. Majewski, assistant organist at St. Joseph parish for 4 years.

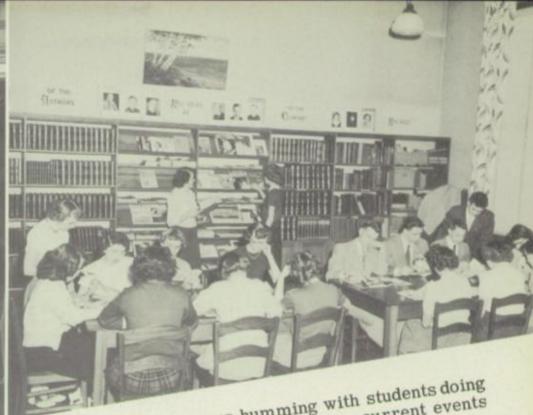
The members of the Glee Club present a number of Christmas songs at the annual Christmas Musicale, accompanied at the piano by G. Majewski.







"Echoes" Staff plans the coming issue of the school newspaper. Standing: H. Luczyk, N. Mish, T. Thomas, R. Jozwiak, and G. Majewski. Seated: N. Kott, G. Pieczynski, D. Kowalski, R. Dahlgren, and



The library is always humming with students doing reference work and catching up on current events in the latest magazines.

The "Echoes" Staff

The Senior girls learn how to read and care for a thermometer in Home Nursing Class.

During the six weeks between Jan. 18 and Feb. 22, a building fund campaign directed by Michael J. O'Dowd was held in St. Joseph parish for the purpose of school and new church front, new convent, new high \$250,000, but the amount raised in pledges far surpassed that amount. In the picture below are shown chairmen. It is through the unselfish efforts of these men that the campaign was such a huge success.







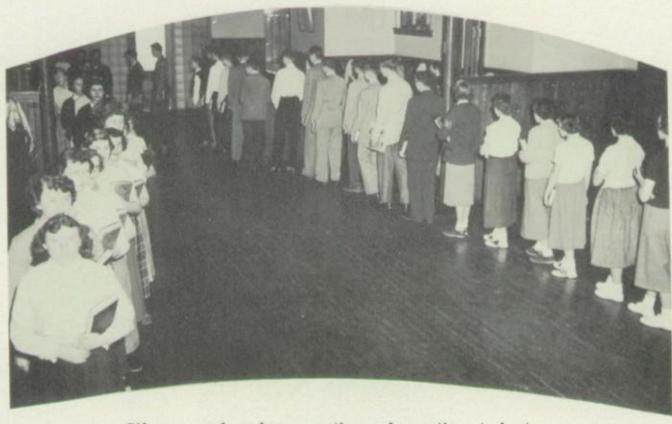




The Students start off their day by attending the eight o'clock Mass. Here the Seniors are leaving church after Mass, ready for a day's work.



The Seniors ask God's blessing on their day's work.



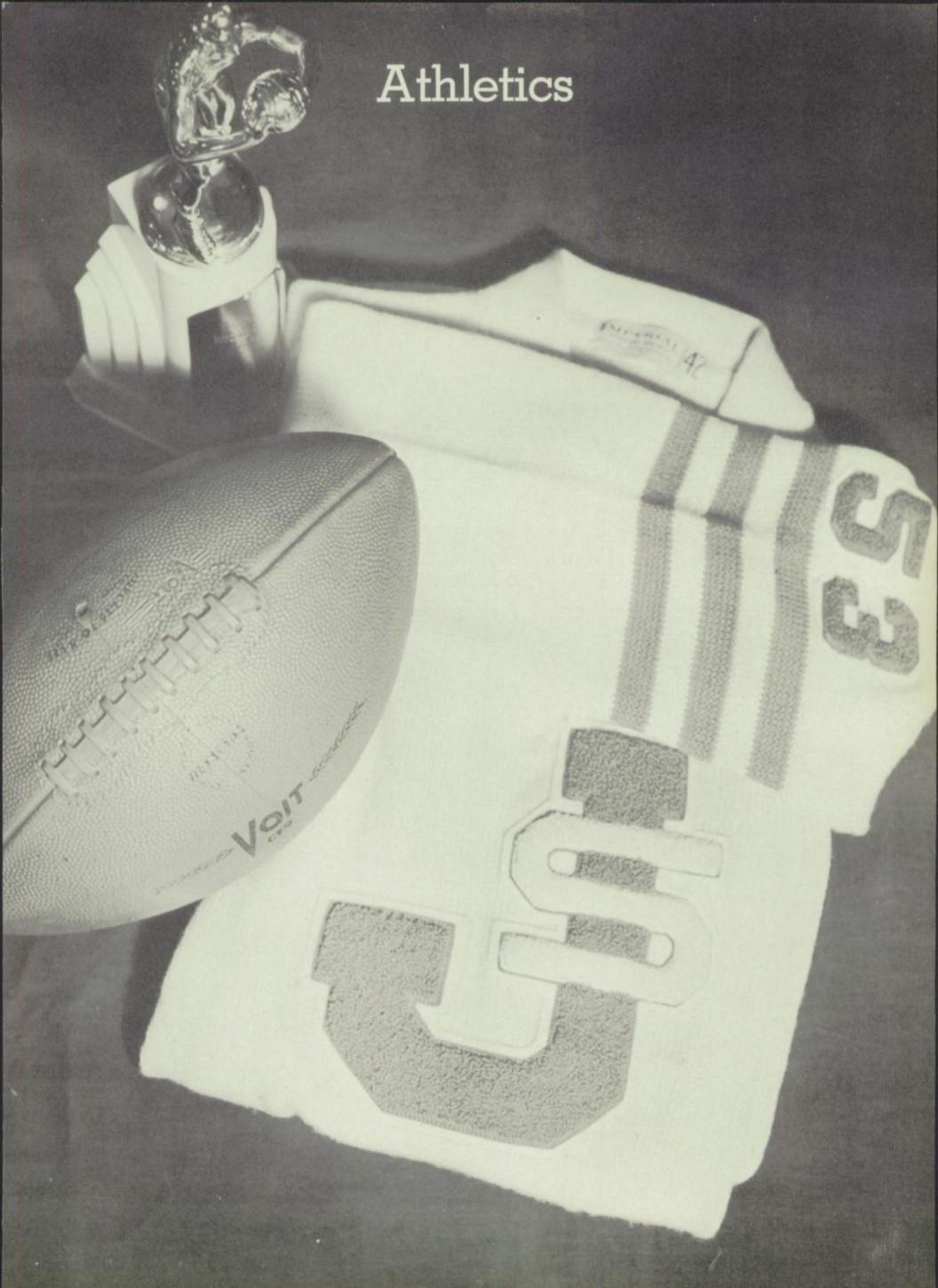
Silence and order are the rule as the students change classes.

"Maybe we didn't pray hard enough!" Seniors think as they take a stiff History Exam.

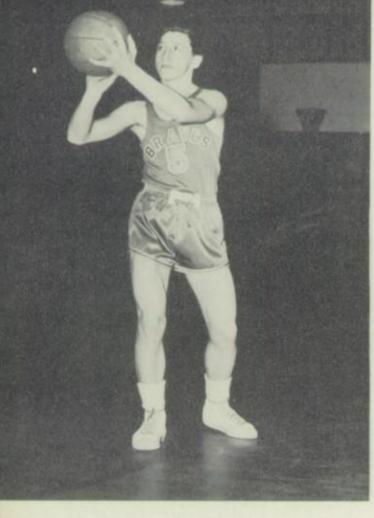
When the dismissal bell rings at 2:30 the Seniors congregate on the school steps to talk over the day's activities.



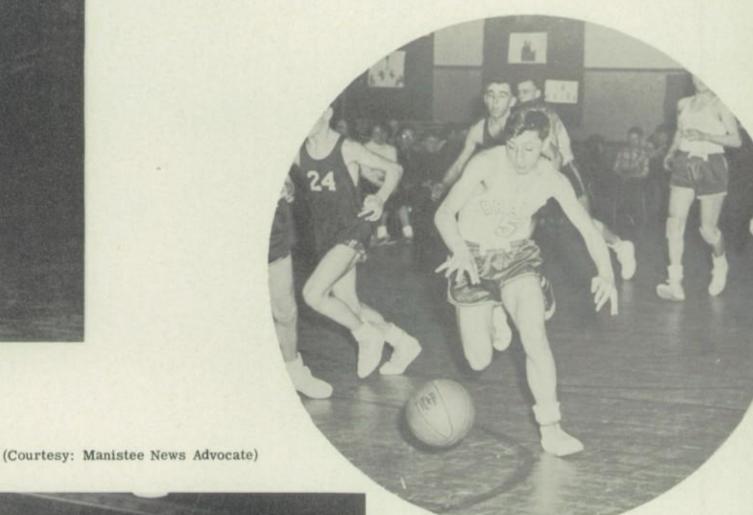




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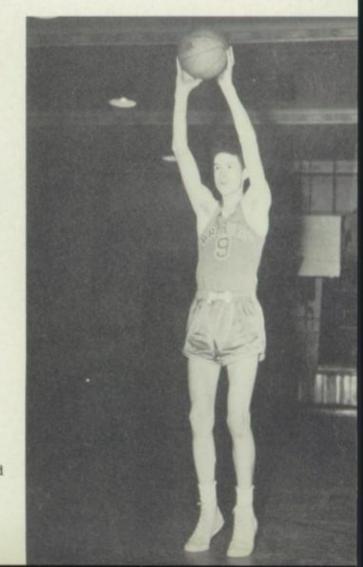
Gerald Pieczynski, Guard



Gerry Pieczynski, N. 5, driving in for a basket during the Bear Lake game.



The moment was tense as the players awaited the result of the jumpball in the Bear Lake game.

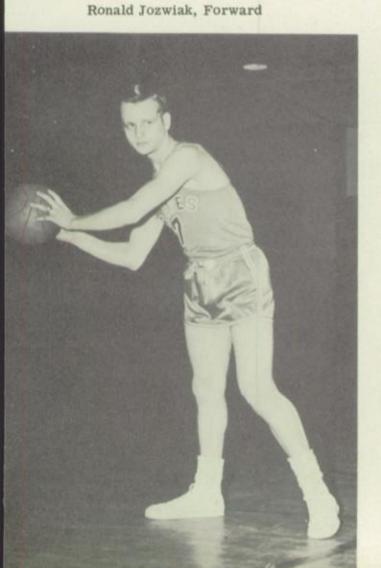


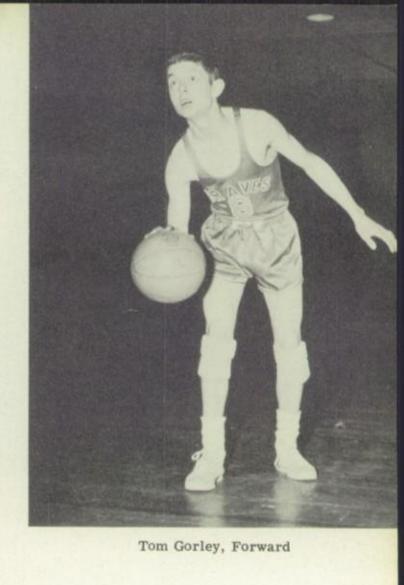
Philip Raczkowski, Forward

On The Court



Coach Zientek and the Braves get in a huddle during a time-out.





T. Gorley, No. 8, and B. Tloczynski, No. 4, attempt in vain to get possession of the ball in Freesoil game.



(Courtesy: Manistee News Advocate)

The Braves Varsity

G. Pieczynski, R. Swidorski, R. Tloczynski, R. Gielczyk, Coach A. Zientek, P. Raskey, T. Gorley, R. Jozwiak, and S. Franckowiak.



Braves' Coach Tony Zientek pauses a moment to smile at the camera.

Coach Zientek with Varsity Co-Captains Gerald Pieczynski and R. Tloczynski.

Front Row: L. Franckowiak, L. Swiatlowski, J. Skocelas, T. Skiera, T. Rafalski, C. Nowak, Coach Tony Zientek. Back Row: I. Zwiefka, R. Sorenson, E. Rybicki, B. Skiera, D. Adamski, E. Rybicki, D. Kaminski, R. Kuczynski, and J. Jankowski.



Cheerleaders

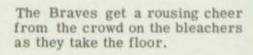
Senior Cheerleaders T. Thomas and S. Maternoski lead the crowd in a vigorous cheer.



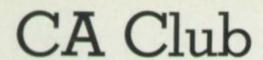
The scorekeepers and referees relax during half-time.



Expressions are varied, as part of the crowd watches the Bear Lake game.







The CA Club which is a newly organized club in our parish, has as its purpose financing and promoting Catholic Athletics. This club was organized by Rev. E. Frederick, and at present has 21 members.

Back Row: F. Cogswell, T. Witucki (board of Control member), R. Schrader (board of Control member), L. Polisky, Al Paschka (Pres.), L. Sielski, F. Gielczyk, H. Konicki (Sec.), J. Wojciechowski (board of Control member). Front Row: E. Schindler (Vicepres.), C. Ozdych, G. Krukowski, F. Purgiel, B. Sielski, Rev. B. B. Roguszka, Rev. E. Frederick, E. Purgiel (board of Control member), L. Ball (board of Control member), B. Kenny (board of Control member), E. Janiszewski (Treas.) Not in picture: K. Engstrom (board of Control), J. Engstrom, W. Gorley.

Bowling

The St. Joe Braves Bowling League has been organized for students of the high school who are interested in that sport. There are six teams comprising the league, three girls' teams and three boys' teams.

R. Jozwiak and S. Maternoski, members of St.
Joe Braves Bowling League are caught off guard
by the photographer.

"Is it a strike?" wonder N. Kott, N. Mish, S. Maternoski, T. Najdowski, P. Raczkowski, D. Miller, and C. Bladzik, as R. Tloczynski and T. Thomas keep score.

Thank You...

To Our Advertizers, Sponsors, and Patrons who showed such great interest in our Senior Class endeavour, we say Thank You and God bless you for your assistance.

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Rev. E. Frederick

Rev. L. Dieninis

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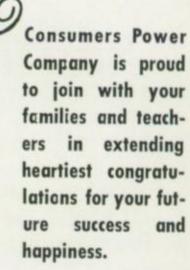
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